

## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY NATIONAL APPEALS DIVISION

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RE: Case No. 2011S000349

Dear Messrs. Stevens and Tadych:

Enclosed is a copy of my Director Review Determination that addresses the matters raised in the request for review that you filed on behalf of your client, JOC Farms, LLC, in the above-captioned case. After considering the arguments and other matters in the review, I have upheld the National Appeals Division Hearing Officer Appeal Determination.

The enclosed determination is a final order of the Department of Agriculture and concludes all administrative processing of your appeal.

Sincerely,

Deputy Director

Enclosure

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